

our protector and benefactor: do thou,
 who art the
 giver of dwellings and dispenser of food,
 be present
 with us: bestow upon us most brilliant
 wealth.

3.4. Understand us, AGNI; hear our
 invocation;
 defend us from all malevolent (people):
 most bright
 and resplendent AGNI, we earnestly
 solicit thee for
 the happiness (of ourselves) and our
 friends.

SUKTA XI. (XV.)

The deity as before; the *Mishis* are those of the
 race of ATRI,
 named VAS^YUS; the metre is
Ansktubk.

1. Celebrate the divine AGNI for his
 protection:
 may he who presides over dwellings grant
 (our de-
 sires) : may the son of the *Riskis*,¹ the
 observers of
 truth, save us from those who hate us.

2. That AGNI is true² whom, the
 ancients, whom
 the gods have kindled, as the bright-
 tongued invoker
 of the gods, radiant with holy splendours.

8. AGNI, to be propitiated by praises,
 (gratified) by
 our choicest and most excellent adoration
 and hymns,
 bestow upon us riches.

3. AGNI shines amongst the gods: AG.VI is
 present
 amongst mortals: AGNI is the bearer of our
 oblations:
 glorify -AoNi with praises.

4. May AGNI bestow upon the donor (of
 the obla-
 tion) a son, abounding in food, abounding in
 devotion,
 excellent, unharmed, conferring honour
 upon his pro-
 genitors.

¹ *Agni* is termed the son of the *liiahis*, as
 generated by their
 rubbing the sticks together which produce fire.

* *Satya*: by true, in this and other passages, is
 meant, it is said,
 one who does not fail to bestow upon his
 worshippers the re-